

July 22

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that the devil is already defeated and arrangements have already been made for His final judgment? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one that He has determined to protect from any unnecessary danger or threat? Do I continue to give territory back to the devil – my defeated foe?

1 **God is able to completely destroy our enemies** — *Psalm 9:5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever. 6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them. 7 But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.*

What relief does it give to know that God's throne is prepared for judgment?

What examples of God's deliverance from my enemies can I praise Him for?

2 **I am hidden in the Lord from my sins and protected from my enemies** — *Psalm 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the LORD, [He is] my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.*

What help does it give to know that nothing can happen beyond His control?

Why does Satan want me to think that I face threats outside of His control?

3 **I need to be vigilant to keep the devil from gaining ground where the Lord has defeated him** — *1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour....*

Over what sins have I been able to gain control only to experience a setback?

In what areas of my life do I continue to give the enemy a foothold?

Spirit of Truth, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Acts 23:16-35

Evening: Psalms 31, 32